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Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As President of CWA State Council, I am writing to express our support for the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

The Communications Workers of America (CWA) is the largest telecommunications union in the world, representing over 700,000 men and women in both private and public sectors. CWA in Indiana represents approximately 5,000 workers located in towns and cities from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River.

This merger has the potential to greatly impact our members and community. We expect the merger will lead to a high-speed broadband expansion that will result in next generation wireless coverage for more than 97% of the country. The benefits associated with this build-out include more jobs, more economic development in rural areas, and a country that will remain on the cutting edge of high-speed communications.

And, T-Mobile workers would have the opportunity to experience AT&T's pro-labor practices once the merger is approved. That means that 20,000 workers who do not currently have workplace representation will have the opportunity to join a union and benefit from the associated workplace protections.

For these reasons and many more, I urge your support of this important merger – it is a good step for our economy and for the American worker.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane Phillips", is written over the typed name.

Jane Phillips, President  
CWA Indiana State Council

CC:  
Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Michael Copps